

What exactly is the cultural grants program?

The cultural grants program is an endeavor by the Public Affairs Section of the Embassy to provide funding assistance for specific projects that support cultural exchanges and promote cultural ties between the United States and Slovenia. Grants are awarded to non-governmental, nonprofit organizations (NGOs) or qualified individuals in accordance with general criteria laid out in Section III. To be eligible for consideration, every applicant must be engaged in, or propose to carry out, a project whose purpose is to promote cultural exchanges and deepen ties between the United States and Slovenia.

What kind of projects do you usually fund?

The Embassy has historically been most interested in projects relating to:

- cultural exchanges;
- artistic and cultural performances;
- exhibitions;
- workshops;
- lectures;
- readings; or
- cultural projects whose aim is to promote and deepen the understanding and appreciation of the diversity of American culture in Slovenia.

*What kind of projects do you usually **NOT** fund?*

The U.S. Embassy will NOT fund the following types of projects:

- requests by organizations and individuals who are neither Slovenian nor American;
- those relating to partisan political activity;
- humanitarian or charitable activities;
- conferences and individual trips abroad;
- trade activities;
- fund-raising campaigns;
- commercial projects;
- scientific research;
- individuals not affiliated with an organization that can provide long-term sustainability to the project;
- book translations;
- projects aiming only at primary institutional development of the organization; or
- projects that duplicate existing projects.

Hint: While technically not an ineligibility, the Embassy will rarely fund third-country travel. We have also historically preferred projects that take place in Slovenia.

Please also note: the Embassy **cannot** provide grant funding for food and drink, or entertainment.

What are we looking for?

The Embassy is looking for projects with outstanding artistic, cultural, and educational merits. In deciding which projects to support, the Embassy gives consideration to the full range and diversity of American cultural traditions and seeks to target geographically and demographically diverse audiences. New grantees are given priority over previous grantees.

Proposals are evaluated according to the topic of the project, clearly formulated goals and target groups, and the ability of the applying organization to carry out the project aims. Please make sure that your proposal is clear, detailed, and includes all elements requested in Section II above.

Proposed projects which meet the basic criteria outlined above will be considered for full or partial funding by the Embassy Grant Committee.

What is the maximum amount of a grant?

The maximum available for a cultural grant is \$10,000, although most grants average between \$3,000-\$5,000. To ensure speedy review and processing, please provide a detailed cost breakdown for the entire project (not just the portion for which you are requesting funding), including specific categories for which the funds, if provided, will be used. Budgets must be calculated in U.S. dollars.

When do I find out if my project has been selected for funding?

Grant Committee decisions will generally be communicated within two months after the application deadline.

What happens when the project is completed?

All successful applicants must complete and submit a formal narrative and financial report (to include the required Reporting Forms) to the Grant Commission within 30 days of the completion of the project. An accounting of the use of the grant funds must also be included. The information from this report will enable the Grant Commission to better evaluate future proposals.